Compensation to the Farmers for Border Fencing

†1445. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing of Indo-Pak border adjoining Rajasthan has been completed; if so, whether there has been any decline in infiltrations thereby; and

(b) whether compensation has been paid to farmers for their land covered under fencing; if so, the amount thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The barbed wire fencing along Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan sector has been completed except in a stretch of 24 km in shifting sand dune area in Jaisalmer sector. There has been an effective check on illegal crossing and smuggling through this border after erection of security fence and flood light poles close to International border.

(b) As per policy, the State Governments pay compensation to the private owners wherever private land is acquired for fencing and then claim reimbursement from the Government of India. The Government of Rajasthan has not claimed any reimbursement on this account so far.

ISI Plan to Segregate Eastern India

†1446. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Inter Services Intelligence (I.S.I.) of Pakistan has been entrusted with responsibility to segregate Easterns part of India from rest of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Pakistan ISI is making all out efforts to foment trouble in the North Eastern

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states by supporting militant organisations and propping up Fundamentalist Organisations.

The Government is aware of the sinister designs of pakistan ISI and is keeping a close and continuous watch on the situation. All necessary efforts including sustained operations against terrorists groups and subversive elements are being undertaken to ensure that such designs do not succeed.

Sustained Action against ULFA

1447. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has cleared a proposal for sustained operation against the banned ULFA, both in Assam and Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other intensified anti-insurgency operations proposed to be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Government of India have made several appeals to ULFA militants to give up arms and to come forward for unconditional talks to settle the issue through dialogue. The ULFA is insisting on conditions which are unacceptable to the Government of India. The Government of India continues to take necessary measures to neutralise ULFA, both in Assam & Bhutan and is in constant touch with the Government of Bhutan with a view to flush out the ULFA militants operating from within Bhutan.

(c) The Government has adopted a multi pronged approach which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces etc. Steps have also been taken afresh to flush out militants, check infiltration and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, by intensive patrolling and extensive search operations.